AFTER AN EXTRA-LONG MAINTEN-ANCE

TODAY THE NEW GROUNDS OF THE "LONG KINGDOM" ARE OUT AT LAST

AND WITH THAT, ALL THE PLAYERS, WHO'VE BEEN GIVEN A PASS...

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ALL THE PLAYERS WENT EAST-WARDS FROM THE FIRST, TO THE LOONG KINGDOM

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YOU'RE IN THE WAY-!!!!

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CHAPTER 35

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HOH... THE SHAPE OF THE GATE

I GUESS THE LOONG KINGDOM IS MADE AFTER THE EDO PERIOD JAPAN

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DO YOU SEE THE CHECK -POINT?

DEAR ADVENT -URERS

THE [PLUM PASS] IS NEEDED TO ENTER THIS CHECKPOINT

FURTHER ON, THE ADVENTURERS WITH A [BAMBOO PASS] SHALL HEAD TO THE CITY IN THE CENTER OF THE CASTLE

TOSE WITH A [PINE PASS] SHOULD PASS A TRIAL IN THE CASTLE

ALSO

TODAY, AS A SPECIAL OCCASION, IN THE ENTRANCE CITY...

[ICHIGATAKE] THE KING AND THE PRINCESS OF THE LONG KINGDOM WILL BE ADDRESSING A SPEECH TO YOU

SO, PLEASE, PROCEED TO THE ASSEMB -LY

TN: JAPANESE 3-TIER GRADING SYSTEM, ALSO CAN BE TRANSLATED AS [PLUM PASS] [BAMBOO PASS] AND [PINE TREE PASS] IN THE ASCENDING ORDER

SO MANY PEOPLE, THOUGH THERE IS STILL TIME TILL THE BEGINNING

HI THERE

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THE ASSEMBLY SQUARE OF ICHIGATAKE

LONG TIME, LIL RONA, WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

LI- LIL'? EHM

LONG TIME, IT'S RONA

THIS LIL' PART IS REALLY UNCALLED FOR!!

SORRY ABOUT THAT, SO, IS THERE SOME -THING YOU WANT?

WELL, THERE IS SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK YOU...

OF ALL THE MARTIAL ARTS SKILL SYSTEM ONLY THE "KICK" HASN'T RECEIVED ANY WIKI UPDATES TILL NOW

AND IT IS CERTAINLY A CAUSE FOR CONCERN

AH-....

I WANTED TO KNOW YOUR OPINION AS AN ACTUAL PRACTITION -ER...

DO YOU THINK THERE'S ANY PPERSPEC -TIVE FOR THE "KICK"?

THEN SEE YOU LATER

OKAY!! I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO IT

THEN, LET'S FORM A PT LATER AND I'LL SHOW YOU A LITTLE BIT OF THOSE KICKS

IS IT OKAY!? I'D LOVE TO!!

STRONG PEOPLE, WHO HAVE COME A LONG WAY HERE, I WELCOME YOU TO THE LONG KINGDOM!!

SO IT BEGINS

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UHUM.....

LET'S TRY WILD BEAR THIS TIME

AND THE ONE CLOSE TO ME IS MY DAUGHTER

I AM THE RULER OF THIS COUNTRY, RYUKE

THANK YOU FOR VISITING OUR COUNTRY!!

I AM THE PRINCESS OF THIS STATE!!

BY THE LAWS OF OUR COUNTRY, I CANNOT BE CALLED BY MY NAME BY ANYONE BUT MY PARENTS UNTIL WEDDED

BUT, ALTHOUGH WE SPENT MOST OF OUR TIME IN THE CASTLE, WE SOMETIMES ENTER THE CITY, NOT TO REMAIN SECLUDED

IN THOSE CASES, YOU'L DO WELL TO CALL ME RYUKI*

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OOH .....

LOONG GIRL, YOU'RE DOING GREAT

*TN: THE NAME CONSISTS OF THE [LOONG] AND THE [PRINCESS] KANJI, BUT THE FURIGANA READS "RYUKI"

HER LACK OF EXPERIENCE IS COMPEN-SATED FOR BY HER ENTHUSIASM~

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LONG TIME NO SEE, LET'S TALK LATER IF YOU DON'T MIN...

IF IT ISN'T EARTH!!

BUT I DO!! WOULD YOU CONCENT-RATE ON THE EVENT, PLEASE!!

EH?

THAT WILL BE ALL WE HAVE TO SAY...!!

E-HEM!

FAIR POINT ...

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HUHUF SUCH A CUTE PANIC

OWCH!?

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WHAT'S WITH THE BAD MOOD?

I'LL BE AWAITING FOR THE BRAVE WARRIORS, WHO HAVE POLISHED THEIR SKILLS, IN THE PALACE

I WISH YOU ALL GOOD LUCK

AS WITH THOSE WORDS, THE ADVENTURE OF THE PLAYERS IN THE LOONG KINGDOM

I SHALL BE WAITING FOR YOU!!

AND WITH THOSE WORDS, THE ADVENTURE OF THE PLAYERS IN THE LOONG KINGDOM HAS BEGUN

SO

AND NOT THAT I DON'T HAVE A REASON

FOR STARTERS, TO PAY YOU FOR THE MEALS

AND AS ALWAYS YOU CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THE DEVELOPMENT; WHEN YOU'RE AROUND EARTH.....

WHAT'S WITH THAT COLD WAY OF SPEAKING?

AND WHY ARE YOU HERE?

GO GLOW, WELL, FINE

THEN, PLEASE, AT LEAST DON'T GET IN THE WAY

SO, I'LL USE MY BOW TO LURE THE MONSTER IN, BUT USE KICKS AFTERWARDS

WILL BE A CHANGE OF PACE ENOUGH FOR ME

BE AT EAST, JUST SPECTA -TING FROM THE SIDE -LINES

WELL, OKAY.....

HERE IS FINE, I S'PPOSE

<DRAGON SOUL>

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<DRAGON LEGION>

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WHAT WAS THAAAAT!?

HE... STOP...

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HEY, WHAT WAS THAT!?

THEN, LEAVING THAT BOW ASIDE, WILL YOU BE USING ANY "KICK" SKILLS TODAY?

I'D BE GRATEFUL IF YOU DIDN'T ASK

SO, I GUESS I CAN'T HEAR ABOUT... THE PROPERTIES OF THIS BOW IN DETAIL, HUH?

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GRU !?

WELL, FOR STARTERS, HAVE A LOOK AT THIS

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AND NOW I'LL BE FIGHTING IT, USING JUST "KICK" SKILLS TODAY

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NOW

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GRU!?

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EH... A "KICK" MARTIAL ARTS!?

I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A CORPORATE COLLUSION OF MASTERS OF SORTS

BUT I DON'T REALLY MIND IT

IT'S NOT A COMMON KNOWLEDGE, THAT "KICK" DOESN'T HAVE ANY ARTS, BUT "KICK ATTACK" DOES

THERE SHOULD BE PEOPLE, WHO KNOW THAT, BUT THE WIKI PAGE HASN'T BEEN UPDATING AT ALL

<TRIANGULAR SHOT>

<POWERFUL HIGH SHOT>

"ECHO KICK" IS CHARGING .....

IN OTHER WORDS, IT IS POSSIBLE TO AMASS THE ATTACK POWER AND THE NUMBER OF STRIKES

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EAT THIS!!
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HO-HOH, NICELY DONE
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SOMETHING LIKE THAT, I GUESS

...BUT WHY IS SUCH A USEFUL FIGHTING SKILL TREE NOT SPREADING!?

UH... UHM, I'M HERE

HUH !!

HE-HEY, RONA, ARE YOU THE-RE?

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I'M BURNING TO GIVE THEM A TRY...!!

OKAY, RIGHT

PLEASE, DON'T SPREAD THE TECHNIQUES YOU'VE JUST SEEN

SPEAKING OF THAT.....

I'LL START POLISHING MY "KICK" SKILLS PROPERLY

AND SO, THE AMONT OF "KICK" USERS HAS INCREASED BY ONE

THE NEXT DAY--- I'VE ACCEPTED A REQUEST FROM THE LANDLADY OF THE INN I WAS STAYING AT

AND TO FULFIL THIS QUEST, I'M STROLLING THROUGH THE DOWNTOWN OF ICHIGATAKE

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LET'S BROWSE A LITTLE, WHILE WE'RE AT IT

NOW, LET'S GET SOME SUPPLIES

SEEMS THEY HAVE SEASON -INGS LIKE SOY SAUCE

IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, THIS SHOULD BE THE PLACE MENTIONED IN THE QUEST

UHUM

THE LAST OF THE STREET STALLS

A BOWL OF BUCK -WHEAT NOODLES, PLEASE

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WELCOME

IGO GLOW, PLEASE

HERE

YOUR ORDER

OWNER, MAY I ASK YOU ONE THING?

WHAT IS IT?

THE SOUP HAS A NICE AROMA

DO YOU KNOW OF A [LOONG RITUAL]?

AHH

A [LOONG RITUAL] IS A FIGHTING TRIAL, THAT CAN BE CHALLENGED TWICE BY US, THE LONG, AND THRICE BY YOU, PEOPLE FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD, IN OUR LIFETIME

AND WHERE CAN ONE TAKE THIS TRIAL?

FOR THE OUTSIDERS, A [PINE-GRADE] PASS IS NEEDED TO DO THAT

OBVIOUSLY, ONE SHOULD WORK THOROUGHLY TO PROVE ONE'S PROWESS TO GET IT

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AND AFTER OBTAINING THE [PINE] RANK AND ENTERING THE LOONG PALACE, ONE WOULD HAVE TO FIGHT THE LONG KING

ALSO, FOR THE [LOONG RITUAL] ONE'S PARTY SHOULD BE LIMITED TO JUST 6 PEOPLE

SO (ごほ)

I SEE, THE RULES SEEM TO BE SIMPLE...

A RATHER STRAIGHT-FOWARD HEAD-ON COMPETITION

AND AN OUTSIDER [WOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN POWER ON PAR WITH THE LOONG]

IT IS SAID THAT A LOONG [WOULD BE GRANTED A FULL LOONG TRANSFORMATION TECHNIQUE]

AND IF ONE WERE TO WIN AND BECOME ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE LOONG KICK

U-HUUM, SO THAT IS THE ULTIMATE AIM FOR ALL THE PLAYERS IN THIS COUNTRY

SO THE ONLY WAY TO FIGHT IS A COMPETITION OF STRENGTH

YEAH, POISON DOESN'T WORK ON THE LOONG KING AT ALL

MIND IF I TAKE A LITTLE OF YOUR TIME

TO TELL YOU ONE OLD STORY?

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SO, SHOPKEEP, DID YOU TRY TO PASS IT?

AT ONE PLACE THERE WAS A MAN OF THE LOONG, AND NO ONE COULD MATCH HIS STRENGTH

HE WAS ALWAYS RAMPANT AND PARTOOK IN COUNTLESS FIGHTS, KNOWN AS DUELS

AND ANOTHER PROBLEMATIC THING ABOUT IT WAS THAT HE'D NEVER LOST A FIGHT

OFTEN, THE LOSER WOULD GATHER WEAPONS AND PEOPLE TO GET BACK AT HIM

BUT HAD THE TABLES TURNED ON HIM ONCE AGAIN

AND, AFTER RECEIVING THE PUNISH-MENT, KEPT HIMSELF IN CHECK

AND IT'S NOT AS IF THOSE SQUABBLES WERE LIKE KIDDIE PRANKS, SO AFTER SEVERAL OF THOSE HE GOT DRAGGED OFF BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE

AFTER SPENDING SOME TIME IN LOCKDOWN, HE HAD AN IMMATURE THOUGHT, THAT IF HE BECAME A FUL LOONG EVERYONE WOULD BE LAUGHABLE BEFORE HIM

WITH THAT POWER, HE'D TOPPLE ANY OPPONENT EASILY

---OR SO HE THOUGHT

PLAINLY SPEAKING, LOST HIS CONSCIENCE AFTER A LIGHT FLICK OF THE LOONG KING'S TAIL

RATHER, IT WOULD BE GENEROUS TO EVEN CALL IT THAT

AND SO HE CHALLENG -ED THE [LONG RITUAL] ALONE... AND SUFERED AN UTTER DEFEAT

AFTER SOME TIME HE WOKE UP, THE LOONG KING SLOWLY OPENED HIS MOUTH BEFORE HIM AND SPOKE

A FOOLISH CHILD, WHO, NOT NOTICING, THAT EVERYONE AROUND IS BABYSITTING HIM, HAS BLOO RUSHING INTO HIS HEAD

SUCH A FOOL!!

HIS PRIDE BEING STRIPPED AWAY

THE MAN OF THE LOONG SEEMED TO BECOME A NOODLE COOK PORTABLE STALL

..... THE TIME WENT ON

AS THE LOONG KING FINISHED SPEAKING, THE MAN WAS THROWN OUT OF THE CASTLE

GET LOST, THERE IS NO WORTH IN KILLING YOU

I SEE, THIS MAN OF LOONG IS PROABLY THE SHOPKEEP IN FRONT OF ME

HE WAS GLAD TO ESCAPE THE [LOONG RITUAL] WITH JUST HIS VANITY STRIPPED OFF HIM

AND THAT'S HOW ONE MAN OF THE LOONG'S STORY GOES

IS IT TO YOUR LIKING?

AFTERING HEARING THIS STORY, I'VE GOT JUST ONE QUESTION LEFT, IF I MAY?

OF COURSE?

I SUPPOSE, THAT MAN OF THE LOONG NEVER CHALLENGED THE TRIAL AGAIN?

---HE PROBABLY DIDN'T EVEN THINK OF THAT

AND NOT ONLY THE LOONG IN QUESTION, BUT ALL THE LOONGS CHALLENGE IT ONLY ONCE

THAT'S WHAT HE USED TO SAY

"BEFORE GIVING UP ON SOMETHING, ASK YOURSELF SERIOUSLY IF IT IS FINE TO GIVE UP ON IT"

THERE WAS A PERSON, THAT TOOK CARE OF ME LONG AGO

AS I'VE HEARD THE STORY, LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING IN RETURN

WELL.....

YOU'RE GOING TO REGRET NOT TRYING YOUR BEST, WHEN IT IS TOO LATE...RIGHT

MASTER, HAVE YOU TRULY GIVEN UP ON THE [LOONG RITUAL]?

EXCUSE ME RUDENESS BUT LISTEN TO ME, PLEASE

WAIT A MOMENT, EXCUSE MY ASKING, BUT AREN'T YOU A HUMAN?

IF YOU TRY CROSSING FISTS WITH ME INSTEAD OF TALKING, MAYBE, YOU'LL HAVE A NEW PERSPECTIVE

WINNING OR LOSING ASIDE

WON'T YOU TRY DUELING ME ONCE?

NO, JUST AS YOU ARE NOW, I ONCE FOUND MYSELF UNABLE TO MOVE

AND GOT BACK ON MY FEET THANKS TO OTHERS' HELP

AFTER FIGHTING A LOONG YOU MIGHT NOT GET BY WITH MERE WOUNDS, YOU KNOW!?

AND YOU GET NO PROFIT OUT OF IT, WHY DO YOU NEED TO HELP ME?

IT WOULD BE SOMETHING UNTHINK -ABLE TO THE ME OF THAT

AFTER ALL, I COULDN'T LEAVE THE MAN IN THE SIMILAR SITUATION ALONE

AND SO, THE UPCOMING DUEL WITH THIS LOONG

DETERMINED MY COURSE OF ACTION IN THE LOONG KINDOM.....